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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OBTAINING
A CONSISTENT PEDAL POSITION FOR A VEHICLE HAVING AN ENGINE
WITHDISPLACEMENT ON DEMAND
Examiner: Carl Stuart Miller

RESPONSE

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 16, 2005, wherein Claims 1-14 were rejected.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 102 and 103

In the Final Office Action, Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103 as being unpatentable over Taguchi in view of Foley, Yamanaka, and Kolmanovsky (in different combinations). Applicants have previously filed a Rule 1.131 affidavit eliminating the obviousness rejection based on the Kolmanovsky reference. Applicants respectfully point out